

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Hoopers Island Memorial Church Survey Number: D-318

Project: Hoopersville Parking Area Expansion Agency: DNR

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no      yes Name                      Date                     

Eligibility recommended XX Eligibility **not** recommended     

Criteria: X A      B X C      D Considerations:      A      B      C      D      E      F      G      None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on available information, the Hoopers Island Memorial Church is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. This simple frame church is typical of churches constructed after the patterns established by the Methodist Church during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It reflects the development of Methodism in Maryland and Dorchester County. This church serves as a focal point of the community and is characteristic of churches found in the rural towns of the Eastern Shore.

We request the concurrence of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFW) in this determination of National Register eligibility for the church.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance File

Prepared by: Carla Fleming/Michael Bourne

Jo Ellen Freese June 26, 1997  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes      no      not applicable  
Peter J. Freese 7/11/97  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

## I. Geographic Region:

☒ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,  
Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,  
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

## II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.  
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.  
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.  
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.  
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.  
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900  
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600  
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750  
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present  
☐ Unknown Period ( ☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

## III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence  
☐ Settlement  
☐ Political  
☐ Demographic  
☐ Religion  
☐ Technology  
☐ Environmental Adaptation

## IV. Historic Period Themes:

☐ Agriculture  
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture,  
and Community Planning  
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
☐ Government/Law  
☐ Military  
☒ Religion  
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural  
☐ Transportation

## V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Religion/Church

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: <b>Hoopers Island Memorial Church</b>			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Hoopers Island, on Hoopersville Road (MD 335)</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Hoopersville</b>			
STATE: <b>Maryland</b>		COUNTY: <b>Dorchester</b>	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>			
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>			
OWNER'S NAME: <b>Hoopers Island Memorial Church</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Hoopersville</b>		STATE: <b>Maryland</b>	
		<b>21642</b>	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <b>Dorchester County Courthouse</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>High Street</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Cambridge</b>		STATE: <b>Maryland</b>	
		<b>21613</b>	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): <b>003/700</b>			
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

At Hoopersville is a frame church now covered entirely with aluminum siding and standing on a concrete block foundation. It is an 'L' plan structure with a tower entrance in the angle of the 'L'. The east facade has a gable with one small miter arch window above and two windows below with gently arched trim reminiscent of Greek Revival work. There is a wide overhanging eave with decorative work. Adjacent the gable end is the tower to the south and set back of the tower is a portion of the other branch of the 'L'. The latter portion has three windows on its south end and an asymmetrical roof. The tower entrance has double doors with lancet arch transom above. Proportionally, it resembles Street Church at Lakesville. There are steeply pitched gables on the two exposed sides of the tower roof, which makes about one-third the height of the tower. The second one-third is composed of an enclosed bellfry with louvers on opposite sides of the enclosure. A pyramidal roof with bracketed cornice and tall finial caps the tower.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |   |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian            | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |   |  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Few large buildings exist in Hooperville, but this church is a focal point for the community. Its architecture, details and proportion are comparable to Street Church and Zion Church in Dorchester

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

District 6, Map 107, p. 46

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <b>Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant</b>		DATE <b>Nov. 1975</b>
ORGANIZATION <b>Maryland Historical Trust</b>		
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Shaw House, 21 State Circle</b>		
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Annapolis</b>	STATE <b>Maryland</b>	<b>21401</b>

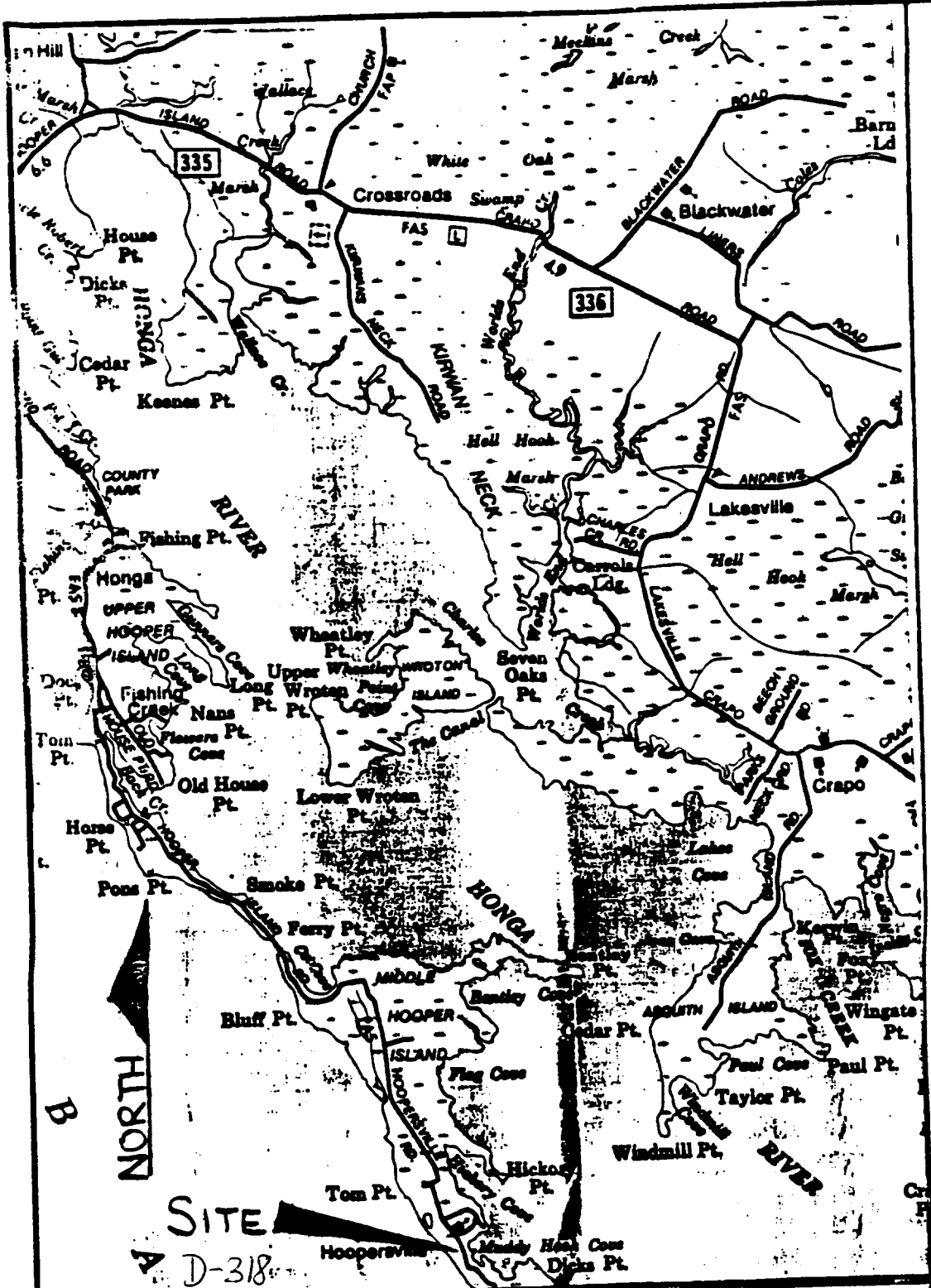
## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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VICINITY MAP  
SCALE: 1 IN. = 1.6 MILES

12x.96

50%

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